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CLEANING OF LUBRICATING OIL  
OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION  
ENGINE ( Tina M. Kiselka Date )

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CASE NO.: 09796503-0155 ( )

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Applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449 and requests that the Examiner consider them and make them of record in this application. The listed documents were cited in a communication from the German Patent Office in the corresponding German application (20213 786.4).

The copies of the references cited therein are enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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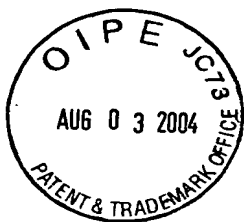
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